

Calendar No. 1194

68TH CONGRESS }
2d Session }

SENATE

{ REPORT
No. 1124

BRIDGE ACROSS HUMPHREYS CREEK, NEAR SPARROWS POINT, MD.

FEBRUARY 16, 1925.—Ordered to be printed

MR. SHEPPARD, from the Committee on Commerce, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 10277]

The Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 10277) granting the consent of Congress to Bethlehem Steel Co. to construct a bridge across Humphreys Creek at or near the city of Sparrows Point, Md., having considered the same, report favorably thereon, and recommend that the bill do pass without amendment.

The bill has the approval of the Departments of War and Agriculture as will appear by the annexed communications.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *December 10, 1924.*

Respectfully returned to the chairman Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, House of Representatives.

The accompanying bill (H. R. 10277, 68th Cong., 2d sess.) proposes to grant the consent of Congress to the Bethlehem Steel Co. to construct a bridge across Humphreys Creek at or near the city of Sparrows Point, Md. Authority for the construction of the bridge in question was granted by act of Congress approved March 4, 1923, Public, No. 504, Sixty-seventh Congress, subject to the terms of the general bridge law, section 6 of which provides that—

“The authority thereby granted shall cease and be null and void unless the actual construction of the bridge authorized in such act be commenced within one year and completed within three years from the date of the passage of such act.”

Plans of the bridge were approved by the Chief of Engineers under date of April 23, 1923, and by the Assistant Secretary of War under date of April 24, 1923. So far as known to the department the work on the bridge has not been commenced, and under the restriction imposed by the general law quoted above the time for commencement of the work on the bridge expired March 4, 1924. Under the circumstances it is my view that it is preferable to amend the bill now under consideration so as to extend the time limits of the original act in direct terms.

A copy of the bill amended accordingly is inclosed herewith, and no objection is known to its favorable consideration.

JOHN W. WEEKS, *Secretary of War.*

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
Washington, December 10, 1924.

HON. SAMUEL E. WINSLOW,
*Chairman Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce,
United States House of Representatives.*

DEAR MR. WINSLOW: Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 5 inclosing a copy of H. R. 10277 for report thereon and for such views relative thereto as the department might desire to communicate.

This bill (H. R. 10277) would authorize the Bethlehem Steel Co. and its successors and assigns to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across Humphreys Creek at or near the city of Sparrows Point, Baltimore County, Md. The bridge in question would not be located on the system of Federal-aid highways approved for the State of Maryland. This department, therefore, knows of no objection to the granting of the authority to the Bethlehem Steel Co. proposed by the bill.

Sincerely,

C. F. MARVIN, *Acting Secretary.*

○